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FOLLOWING REPEAT USNATO 5214 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 23

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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST STUDY PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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1. CHARGE, AT PERMREPS LUNCH MAY 23, OUTLINED US VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF A SOLID PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE REACTION, ALTHOUGH FRG PERMREP PAULS SAID HE HOPED ALLIES WERE NOT EMBARKING ON ANOTHER DIFFICULT DRAFTING EFFORT.

2. CHARGE LATER INTRODUCED US PAPER INTO SPC SESSION CALLED TO REVIEW SECRETARIAT DRAFT PUBLIC STATEMENT. FRG, FRENCH, BELGIANS, ITALIANS AND PORTUGUESE ARGUED FOR A SHORT TEXT AND STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM IN
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PRINCIPLE. TURKS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN OBJECTIONS TO ANY PUBLIC DOCUMENT BUT SAID THEY COULD ACCEPT A BRIEF PAPER ALONG LINES PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT IF IT WERE DESIGNED AS A GENERAL Q AND A DOCUMENT TO BE USED BY PRESS BRIEFERS ORALLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BUT NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

3. DANES, ON INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT STRONGER DOCUMENT, AND CANADIANS, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SUPPORTED US DRAFT AS BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. THEY WERE MORE OR LESS JOINED BY THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, LUXEMBOURG, ICELAND AND THE UK.

4. STRONG FRG RESERVATIONS ON US PAPER AND UNCERTAINTY RE FRENCH POSITION LED SECRETARIAT TO SUGGEST IT RE-DRAFT ITS PAPER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DISPARATE VIEWS AROUND TABLE. CHARGE STRONGLY URGED ALLIES AND SECRETARIAT TO USE US PAPER AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND AT A MINIMUM TO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF INCORPORATING LARGE PORTIONS OF US PAPER IN ORDER TO GIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT THE FULL AUTHORITY SUCH A DOCUMENT REQUIRED.

5. COMMENT: WE WILL, OF COURSE, WORK WITH SECRETARIAT IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE OUR PAPER SERVE AS BASIS FOR NEW TEXT. HOWEVER, WHILE SEVERAL ALLIES EXPRESSED UN-INSTRUCTED INTEREST IN US VERSION, THEIR COMMENTS IN FAVOR WERE NOT AS STRONG AS THE NEGATIVE REACTION OF OTHERS. WE PARTICULARLY URGED FRENCH DCM TO SEEK POSITIVE REACTION FROM PARIS, BUT HE COMMENTED THAT QUAI LEANED TOWARD VERY BRIEF VERSION. END COMMENT.

6. SPC WILL MEET AGAIN ON EAST-WEST STUDY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, THE FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.
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WE WOULD APPRECIATE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FROM WASHINGTON ON SPECIFIC WORDING IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT BEFORE THE SUMMIT. GLITMAN. UNQUOTE VANCE

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